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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTEL, ECONOMIC OFFICER AND COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT CALLED ON MR. MBOWE ON AUGUST 7, TO DISCUSS HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO U.S. HE PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON D.C. FROM SEPTEMBER 24 TO OCTOBER 6. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING WITH U.S. FIRMS AND THOUGHT THAT 4 TO 5 APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE POSSIBLE DURING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26. MR. MBOWE CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE TANZANIA EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON D.C.

2. HE WOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF FIRMS:

A) C.T. MAIN CO. REGARDING INDUSTRIAL PARKS.

B) AGRO-BUSINESS FIRMS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURES/MANAGEMENT OF LARGE SCALE FARMS TO GROW PEANUTS, SOYABEANS, RICE AND OTHER FOODCROPS. (WE NOTED THAT CHEMONICS AND OTHER U.S. FIRMS TRIED DESIGN PROJECT IN RICE FARMING IN TANZANIA BUT TAN GOVT DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH).

C) PETRO-CHEMICAL FIRMS. TANZANIA WITH WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE IS CURRENTLY STUDYING POSSIBLE PROJECTS AND PRODUCTS RELATED TO DISCOVERY OF NATURAL GAS AT SONGO SONGO (SEE DAR ES SALAAM 2886 UNCLASSIFIED

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OF JULY 19).

D) TEXTILE INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES REGARDING EXPANSION AND NEW PLANTS (SEE DAR ES SALAAM AIRGRAM A-013 OF MARCH 18 AND TELEGRAM 1888 OF MAY 10).

3. TIB FINANCES FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND PROVIDES LOANS TO VIRTUALLY

ALL SECTORS OF TANZANIAN ECONOMY. REQUESTS FOR TIB HELP USUALLY COME FROM STATE-OWNED CORPORATIONS, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROJECT DESIGN, FINANCING, MANAGEMENT, EQUIPMENT, E.T.C. CURRENTLY TIB IS FINANCING FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR EDIBLE OIL PROCESSING AND LARGE SCALE AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES. TIB ALSO INTERESTED IN PLANNED PULP AND PAPER MILL, EXPLOITATION OF COAL AND IRON RESERVES IN SOUTH WESTERN TANZANIA, AND A NUMBER OF SMALL SCALE PROJECTS.

4. MR. MBOWE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT WITH IMPROVEMENT IN TANZANIA'S ECONOMY, EXIMBANK MAY NOW BE INTERESTED IN FINANCING PROJECTS, SUCH AS IN THE PETRO-CHEMICAL FIELD AND TEXTILE MACHINERY.

5. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF TIB ANNUAL REPOGT FOR 1976 TO MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION.
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